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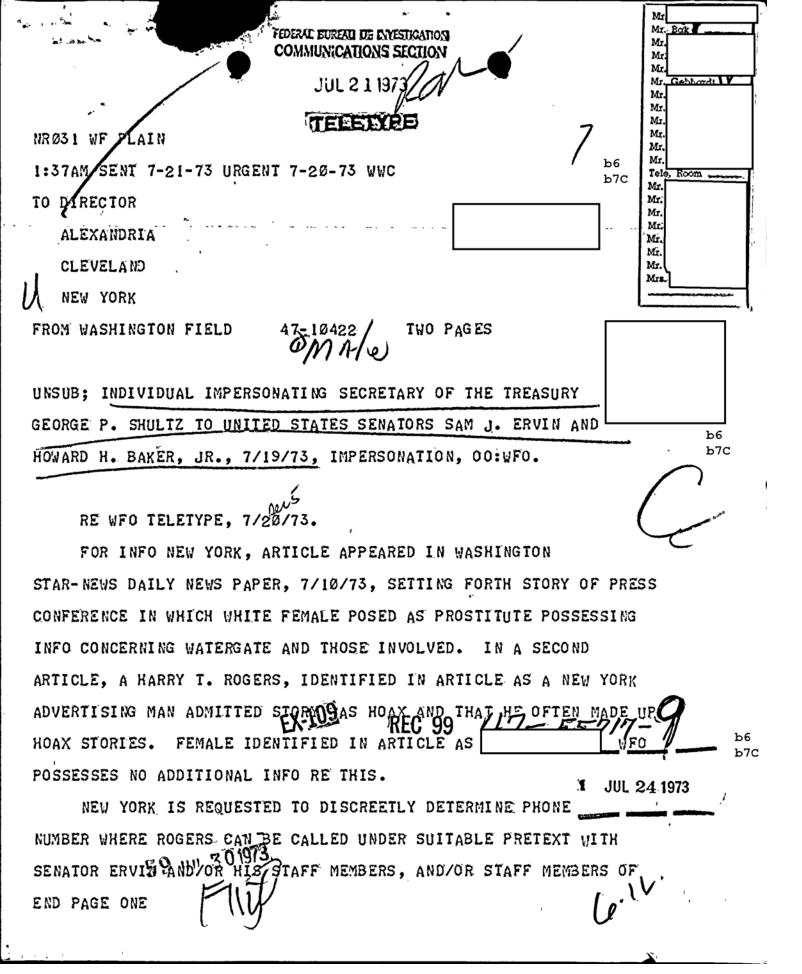
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UPON RECEIPT OF ABOVE REQUESTED INFORMATION, WFO WILL MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH THE OFFICES OF SENATOR ERVIN AND SENATOR BAKER TO CARRY THROUGH PRETEXT CALLS. UACB.

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FOR INFORMATION NEW HAVEN, ABOVE CAPTIONED SENATOR ERVIN,
CHAIRMAN, SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN
ACTIVITES, RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL ON NOON JULY 19 LAST,
FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS SECRETARY SHULTZ

(TREASURY SECRETARY). THE CALLER ADVISED THE CHAIRMAN THAT? JUL 21 1973
PRESIDENTIAL TAPES RELEVANT TO THE "WATERGATE HEARINGS WOULD BE
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VIA NATIONAL TELEVISION WITH THE TAPES WOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

THIS WAS LATER ANNOUNCED BY ERVIN TO BE A HOAX.

THE CALLER WAS INTRODUCED TO ERVIN'S STAFF BY A FEMALE WHO SAID SHE WAS THE SECRETARY TO SECRETARY SHULTZ.

APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS LATER, SENATOR BAKER'S RECEPTIONIST RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL STATING IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT HE CONTACT SENATOR BAKER INASMUCH AS HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE SENATOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAPES INVOLVED IN THE "WATERGATE HEARINGS." THE CALLER WAS ON THE LINE 30-35 MINUTES AND WAS TRACED TO TELEPHONE NUMBER 525-9656, WHICH IS A PAY PHONE AT THE MARRIOTT KEY BRIDGE MOTEL, ROSSLYN, VIRGINIA. THE PHONE BOOTH WAS DUSTED FOR POSSIBLE FINGERPRINTS.

AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON STAR - NEWS DAILY NEWSPAPER, 7/10/73, STATING STORY OF PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH WHITE FEMALE POSED AS A PROSTITUTE POSSESSING INFORMATION CONCERNING WATERGATE AND THOSE INVOLVED. IN A SECOND ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON STAR - NEWS DAILY NEWSPAPER, A HARRY T. ROGERS END PAGE TWO

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IDENTIFIED IN THE ARTICLE AS A NEW YORK ADVERTISING MAN, ADMITTED STORY WAS A HOAX AND THAT HE OFTEN MADE UP "STORIES." FEMALE IDENTIFIED IN ARTICLE AS

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ON 7/23/73, WFO FURNISHED THE NYO WITH A FACSIMILE OF THE TWO ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE WASHINGTON STAR - NEWS CONCERNING THE ABOVE MENTIONED HOAX PRESS CONFERENCE. THESE ARTICLES IDENTIFIED HARRY TEAROGERS AS ALAMABEL, WHO THEY DESCRIBED AS A NEW YORK PRANKSTER, FILM MAKER, COMEDY WRITER AND ADVERTISING MAN WHO GETS HIS KICKS BY PUTTING ON HOAXES. THE ARTICLE INDICATED THAT HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY TELEPHONE BY GERRY OPPENHEIMER, A STAFF WRITER FOR THE STAR NEWS, BY TELEPHONE FROM HIS WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT HOME.

A FACSIMILE OF THESE ARTICLES WILL BE FURNISHED TO NEW HAVEN THIS DATE.

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WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALAN ABEL, WHO RESIDES AT WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

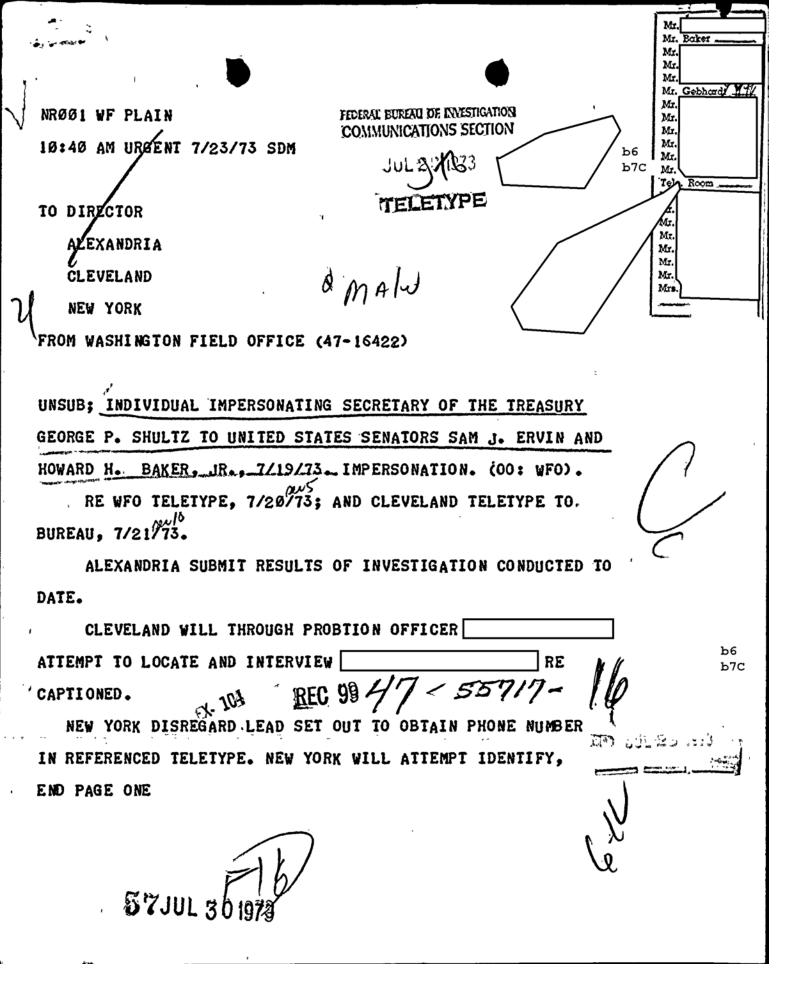
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PARTNER IN THE ABOVE HOAX APPEARING IN THE WASHINGTON STAR SO THAT SHE CAN BE INTERVIEWED, RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

3. WILL DETERMINE THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ABEL BOTH AT HIS HOME AND BUSINESS, SO THAT THE LONG DISTANCE TOLL RECORDS FOR THESE NUMBERS CAN BE REVIEWED FOR THE DATE 7/19/73.

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LOCATE, AND INTERVIEW HARRY T. ROGERS RECAPTIONED. WFO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REGARDING PTC HOAX STORY IN WHICH ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WERE INVOLVED.

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ABEL IN RECENT MORTGAGE APPLICATION LISTED EMPLOYMENT AT SPENCER PRODUCTION, 507 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, AS A WRITER AND PRODUCER. SPENCER PRODUCTIONS ENGAGED IN FILM PRODUCTIONS. LISTED PHONE NUMBER FOR SPENCER PRODUCTIONS IS NEW YORK CITY 697-5895.

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ABEL'S WESTPORT PHONE NUMBER IS 226-5596.

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NEW HAVEN, WILL CHECK LONG DISTANCE TOLL PHONE RECORDS FOR ABEL'S HOME PHONE 226-5596, TO DETERMINE WHAT LONG DISTANCE CALL WERE MADE ON 07-19-73.

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BEEN DONE WITH HUMOR IN MIND AND DID NOT ENDANGER HIM WITH EITHER ARREST OR LIBEL SUITS.

ABEL READILY ADMITTED TO SETTING UP PRESS CONFERENCE AT SHOREHAM - AMERICANA HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 7/19/73 IN WHICH

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GOING TO "TELL ALL" IN REGARDS TO WATERGATE. THE WHOLE INTERVIEW WAS A SPOOF DESIGNED TO GIVE NEWSMEN COVERING WATERGATE SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT ON MONDAY. AN OFF DAY FOR THE HEARINGS, AND ALSO TO ENHANCE ABEL'S POSITION AS THE COUNTRY'S "GREATEST LIVING HOAXER," A POSITION HE CAPITALIZES ON IN ARTICLES, BOOKS AND TV TALK SHOWS.

ABEL ADVISED HE WAS IN NEW YORK ON 7/19/73 BECAUSE HE TAPED A SHOW FOR THE BBC IN NEW YORK THE FOLLOWING MORNING. OTHER THAN THE PRESS CONFERENCE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC ON 7/8-9/73, ABEL STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN OUT OF NEW YORK CITY ONLY TO VISIT HIS HOME IN WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT.

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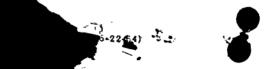
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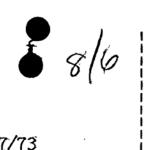
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HOME PHONE. BBC IN NEW YORK OBTAINING TAPE OF ABEL'S INTERVIEW OF 7/20/73 FROM LONDON. CAPTIONED MATTER DISCUSSED ON TAPE AND ABEL SUPPLIED SAME STORY AS ABOVE.

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It should be noted by WFO that ALAN IRWIN ABEL served with the United States Army Air Force from 1943-1946, under service number 35216284. If latent fingerprints were developed in the Marriott Key Bridge Motel by the Alexandria Division, a comparison with ABEL's fingerprints, as obtained by the military, could be effected.

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Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/7/73

FROM :

NEW HAVEN (47-1670) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

UNSUB; INDIVIDUAL IMPERSONATING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY GEORGE P. SCHULTZ TO UNITED STATES SENATORS SAM J. ERVIN AND HOWARD H. BAKER, JR. 7/19/73

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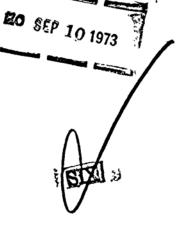
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INDIVIDUAL IMPERSONATING SECRETARY OF TREASURY

GEORGE P. SHULTZ TO U.S. SENATORS SAM'J. ERVIN AND HOWARD H. BAKER, JR.

JULY 19, 1973

Character:

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Synopsis: Investigation conducted at WDC; New York, New York; Canton, Ohio; Granite Falls, North Carolina; Winthrop, Massachusetts; and Miami, Florida, negative regarding UNKNOWN SUBJECT making hoax call to Senators SAM ERVIN and HOWARD BAKER on July 19, 1973. Following suspects developed: ALAN IRWIN ABEL, white male, DOB 8/2/24, at Zanesville, Ohio;

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Interviews and/or investigation set forth. Investigation regarding suspects met with negative results regarding hoax caller.

PREDICATION:

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of information from Senator SAM ERVIN's office that an individual identifying himself as Secretary of the Treasury, GEORGE P. SHULTZ, had telephonically advised Senator ERVIN that Presidential tapes would be released to the Senate Committee on Presidential Campaign activities which is chaired by Senator ERVIN. This call was later determined to be a hoax.

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'Miss Faye Martin'-

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By Jerry Opponheimer
Star News Staff Writer

The masked, bewigged and mini-skirted call girl who came to Washington on Monday offering to tell the Seante Watergate committee about pay-for-play sex in high political places is actually an actress who participated in another hoax masterminded by New York prankster Alan Abel.

Abel, a 46-year-old filmmaker, comedy writer and advertising man—who gets his kicks by putting on the news media and the public—admitted his latest stunt yesterday in a telephone interview from his Westport, Conn., home after being recognized here on Monday by a Star-News reporter.

"It adds a little spice (to the Watergate affair) when you throw sex in," said Abel. "It was just a lark. Our intent was not to defraud, or criminally libel anyone. The whole thrust of the session was to come down to Washington and tell nothing but lies, because we all know everybody is now telling the truth," he said.

During the height of the Ciifford Irving-Howard Hughes affair Abel posed as Hughes swathed in bandages. Abel called a press conference and about 150 reporters and photographers showed up to interview him and take his picture.

Abel identified his partner in the Watergate hoax as a New York actress, comedian and parttime school teacher, who played the part of a topless masseuse in an X-rated, satirical film produced by Abel two years ago called, "Is there Sex After Death?"

The actress had been part of the Second City improvisational troupe in Chicago. She could not be reached for comment.

Abel's best-known hoax is an organization he founded several years ago called the Society for Indecency to Naked Animals (SINA). In two years the society gained a membership of about 50,000 people around the country who called for the clothing of animals.

He once led a SINA demonstration in front of the White House.

Washington Stee-News

AT A NEWS conference attended by more than a dozen reporters at the Shoreham-Americana hotel here on Monday, Abel introduced his hoax partner as "Miss Faye Martin," who he said was a former Darien, Conn., debutante turned prostitute.

Abel identified himself to reporters as Harry T. Rogers, a lawyer from a small Midwestern town. He said he was there to help the young woman — wearing an eye mask, blond wig and skimpy skirt — "as a friend of her family" who "didn't want to get involved."

The night before the news conference — held in a \$200 a day suite which Abel got at a discount rate, according to a hotel official — he sent telegrams from New York to the major news organizations in Washington

On Monday afternoon following the news conference, Abel, continuing his pose, telephoned the Senate Watergate committee and told John Elmore, an aide to committee counsel Samuel Dash, that "Miss Marsin" would be willing to tell all.

Elmore confirmed the telephone call yesterday and said he had passed the information on, but that the staff had not decided whether to get in touch with the mystery woman.

At the press conference, the make-believe lady of the night claimed that she had been hired by politicians to spy on their political rivals and to photocopy documents they carried to her apartment for blackmail purposes.

Abel, as Rogers, also showed reporters a can of film he said contained movies of "Miss Martin" engaging in sex with a noted politician.

Abel said yesterday that the can contained a blank reel of film.

HE SAID the whole frunt cost him about \$240 for the telegrams, hotel suite, air fare from New York for himself and the actress, and coffee for the reporters.

"I look at it as a deductible expense item for research and therapy — therapy for me anyhow. I have to do something like this at least once a year, otherwise I go crazy. I'd go crazy if all I had to do was play golf, fish or sit around and drink."

Now that his Watergate hoax is out of the way, Abel said, he is about to get down to serious business—lecturing and writing "on a major problem facing all of us today—the growth of the big toe."

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as Secretary of the Treasury GEORGE SCHULTZ and then told the senators that the President would release certain tapes and information pertinent to the Watergate investigation.

ABEL stated that he was in no way involved in the matter and would not have become involved, because it was an illegal, harmful, and detrimental act that went against his self preserving policy of avoiding incidents which could get him into trouble. He stated that he has been in New York City since returning from his two day press conference trip to Washington, D.C. (July 8-9, 1973), except for occasional trips to his recently purchased home at 128 Newtown Turnpike, Westport, Connecticut.

Asked for his whereabouts on July 19, 1973, ABEL stated that he was 99 percent sure that he was in New York City because he had a taped interview with the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) in New York City scheduled for the following morning, July 20. 1973. and would have staved in New York as a convenience.

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ABEL was questioned in regard to his office at 507 Fifth Avenue. He stated that he utilizes a very small office on the third floor of 507 Fifth Avenue under the name of Spencer Productions, Incorporated and Abel-Child Productions. This office is serviced by the Marshall Business Service, also 507 Fifth Avenue, which gives the operation a large scale impression to a caller, as well as a prestigeous address to a correspondent. He added that the CHILD of Abel-Child Productions was
ABEL stated that the name, YETTA BRONSTEIN, appearing on his office door was fictitious. He explained that has been has assumed this identity on occasions and has "run" for President and Mayor of New York City as a crusading Bronx housewife whose sleeping is "I can get it for the wholesale". Again he noted, the whole idea being a publicity noax.
ABEL further explained that Spencer Productions and BRUCE SPENCER are off shoots of his personality. He stated that he has used the identity of BRUCE SPENCER to act as a press agent for himself. ABEL noted that the other inscription on his office door, "SINA", stands for The Society for Indecency to Naked Animals, a fictitious organization and idea he propagated as a hoax, which drew large scale support from concerned citizens across the country.
ABEL concluded by stating that he was in no way involved in the hoax call to Senators SAM ERVIN and HOWARD BAKER on July 19, 1973, noting that it was not his style and was against his principles.
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Telephone Employment	203-226-5596 Writer, producer, and lecturer Spencer Productions (12 years) 507 Fifth Avenue, New York City Abel-Child Productions 507 Fifth Avenue, New York City
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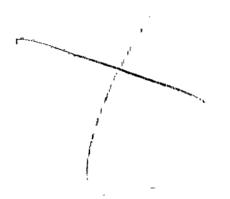
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AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will arrange for staff members to listen to tape of voice of ALAN ABEL, furnished by the New York Office.



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Symopsis: Administrative aides to Senator SAM J. ERVIN in Washington, D.C. (WDC), listened to tape of voice of ALAN IRWIN ABEL and were unable to identify as being that of unknown subject.

Investigation in Columbus, Ohio, determined that suspect did not use his employer's telephone or telephone. CHIO credit card to make a call to WDC on 7/19/73.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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On November 9, 1973, _______ Secretary to U.S. Senator SAM ERVIN, Old Senate Office Building, Suite 337, personally listened to a taped conversation held between WILLIAM HARTCROFT of the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) and ALAN ABEL which was taped on July 20, 1973. The tape was furnished by ______, Program Department, BBC, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, Suite 2153.

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After hearing ABEL's voice she stated it definitely was not that of the person who called the office of Senator ERVIN on July 19, 1973 and was later determined to be a hoax caller. The individual on the tape did not sound as old as the hoax caller.

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